GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!
It's my first day on the job
A GREAT NEW SUMMER SERIES STARTS!!

INVESTIGATION INTO "STRANGENESS"?! THE BEGINNING OF A STORY ABOUT NEW PARTNERS!!

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DAITEITO ETRANGE CRIMINAL INVESTI-GATION

Daiteito: "Grand Capital", the name of the capital of Japan of the Meiji era, the setting for this story.

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GREAT CAPITAL ENTRANCE INVESTIGATION SQUAD

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GET IN THE USUAL QUICK RUN.
GREET THE DAY BRIGHT AND EARLY AT 6 A.M.
QUICKLY DRESS AND EAT A HEARTY BREAKFAST.
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT HAS CHANGED FROM THE USUAL ROUTINE.
I, ASUKU HOUJOU, LIVE BY THE MOTTO "NEVER FORGIVE THE BAD GUY",
AND STARTING TODAY, I WILL BE A POLICE DETECTIVE!

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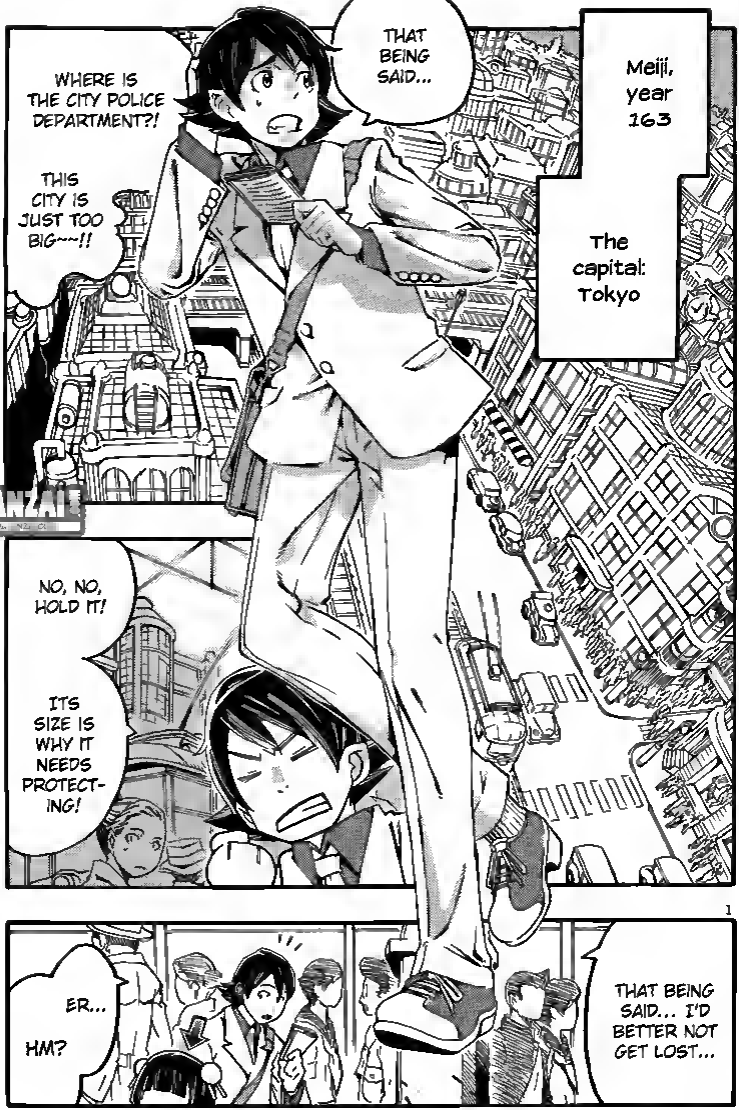
Meiji, year 163
The capital: Tokyo
THAT BEING SAID...
WHERE IS THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT?!
THIS CITY IS JUST TOO BIG~~!!
NO, NO, HOLD IT!
ITS SIZE IS WHY IT NEEDS PROTECT-ING!
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THAT BEING SAID... I'D BETTER NOT GET LOST...
ER...
HM?

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AH!
OW-OW-OW
AH-HEE-HEE-HEE
NEW-BIE.
YOU DESERVE PRAISE FOR NOT IGNORING A LOST CHILD,

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HUH?
EH?
ASUKU HOUJOU
STARTING TODAY, YOU'LL WORK HERE AT THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS 1ST DETACHMENT.

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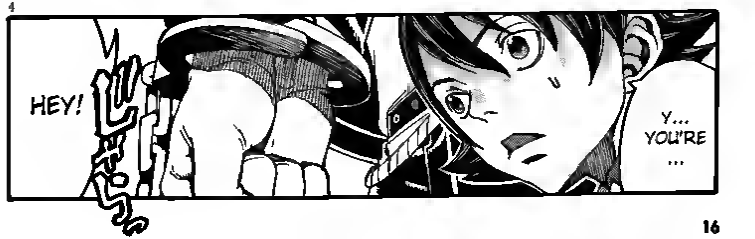
Y... YOU'RE ...
HEY!

WHY ARE THESE CRIMINALS OUT OF PRISON...?
HAA..
GET OUT OF THE WAY, ASSHOLE!
AWW, WHAT A CUTE BOY.♡
EITHER GO IN OR GET OUT!
IS HE THE ROOKIE?
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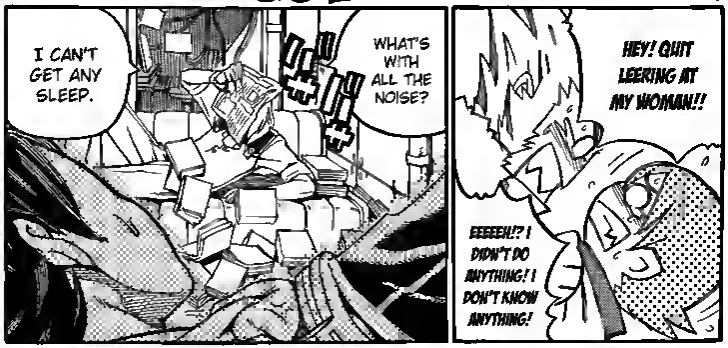

EH?!
CHIEF?
OH, CHIEF, YOU'RE BACK.
You're worse...
YOU'VE MET THEM ALL NOW.
EHEH~

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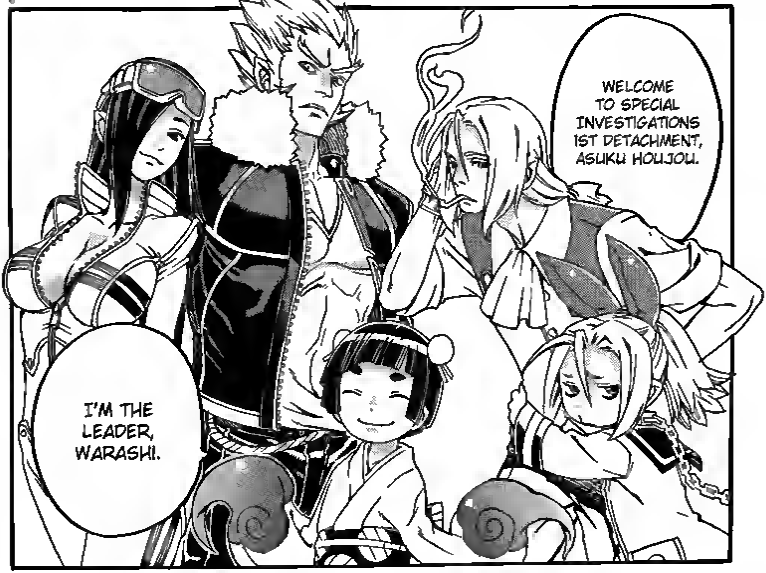
WELCOME TO SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS 1ST DETACHMENT, ASUKA HOUJOU.
I'M THE LEADER, WARASHI.

S-SORRY, CHIEF...
I TREATED YOU LIKE A CHILD.
IT'S OKAY, I DON'T CARE.
IT'S A PRETTY NORMAL REACTION.
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WE'VE HAD A DEVIL OF A TIME TRYING TO CONVINCE ROOKIES,
AND GOOD PERCEPTION IS WHAT WILL SAVE THEIR LIVES.
IF I SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES AND EXPERIENCE IT,
I ABSOLUTELY WON'T DISBELIEVE IT!
どん
WHOA...
BY THE WAY...
JUST WHAT DOES THIS DEPARTMENT DO?
YOU CAME HERE WITHOUT KNOWING?!
NOBODY EXPLAINED IT TO ME.
YOU WANT TO KNOW?
IF SO, THEN YOU SHOULD SEE THE GIRL WITH YOUR OWN EYES

HALF A DAY
C'MON, YOU GUYS!
I... I'LL PUT 1000 YEN ON 30 MINUTES
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK HE'LL LAST...?
I SAY ONE DAY
EEEHHH ~~~?!
GIRL?!
SHE'S YOUR "PARTNER".
"NERO"?!
第十三番 封印室
ニロ
THAT'S THE GIRL'S NAME.
AND SHE'S A GIRL AT THAT... AAHHH... NOW I'M NERVOUS..
SHE'LL BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE.
THAT ALREADY SOUNDS SO DETECTIVE-LIKE
"PARTNER"... WOW!!
8
WHETHER GOOD OR BAD FORTUNE COMES OF IT... THIS'LL BE FUN
HIS TYPICALLY GOOD NATURE SHOULD HELP.
"FOOLS RUSH IN"... BUT THERE'S NO TURNING BACK.

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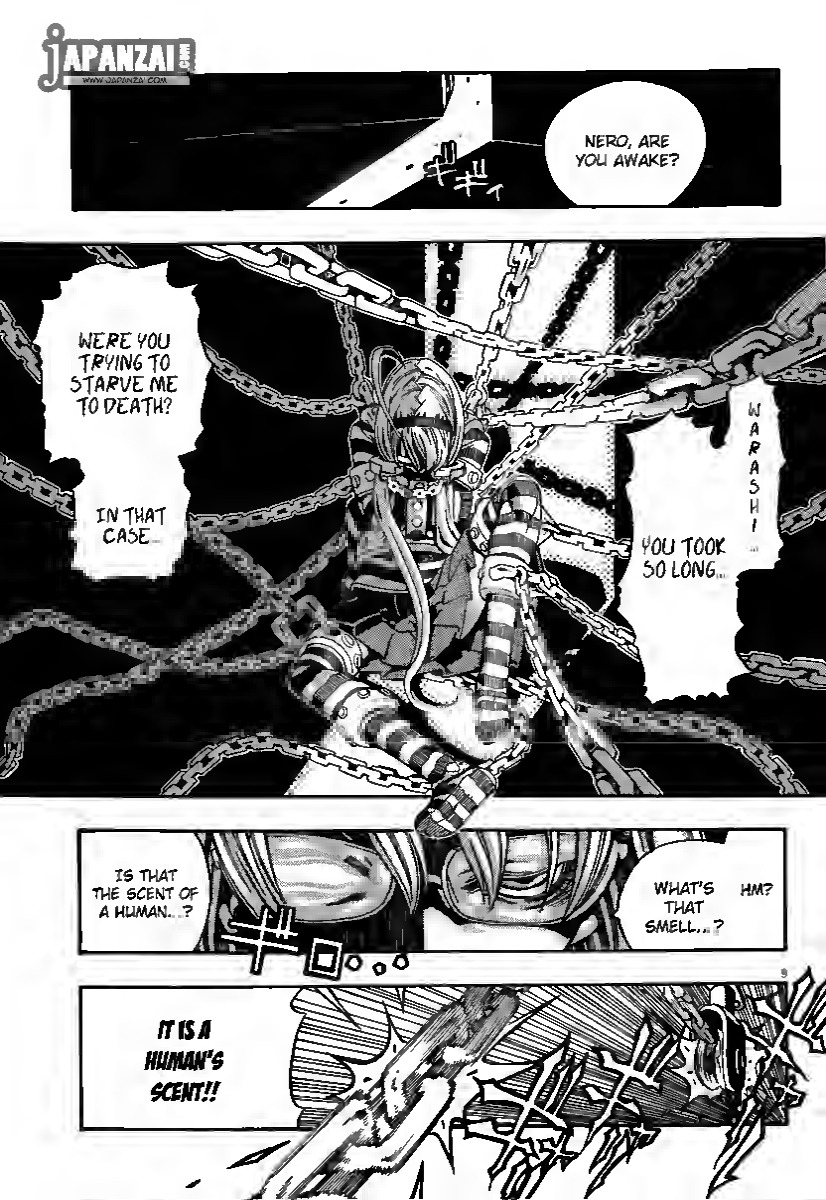
NERO, ARE YOU AWAKE?
WERE YOU TRYING TO STARVE ME TO DEATH?
IN THAT CASE...
WARASHI...
YOU TOOK SO LONG...
IS THAT THE SCENT OF A HUMAN...?
WHAT'S THAT SMELL...?
HM?
IT IS A HUMAN'S SCENT!!

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I KNOW THAT! EVEN IF I'M EATING, I'M STILL READY!
HURRY UP AND LET ME AT 'EM!
WHEN CAN WE GO OUT? WHEN?!
WHEN WE'RE MOBILIZED.
GEH...
OW!!
I... I'M YOUR NEW PARTNER, ASUKU HOUJ...
WOW! THIS IS IT!♡
YUMMY! DELISH!
UM... NERO SAN?

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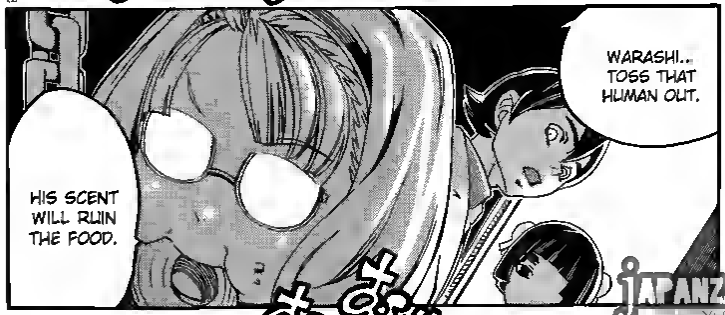

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WHAT WAS ALL OF THAT ABOUT?
WE'LL LOOK LIKE A STAND-UP COMEDY DUO!
WHY IS SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER IN THIS BUILDING ANYWAY?
AND SHE'S TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE, SPOUTING "HUMAN, HUMAN" AS IF SHE WEREN'T ONE HERSELF...
WITH THOSE RESTRAINTS ON
IT'S LIKE SHE'S A CRIMINAL.
EXACTLY
NERO IS AN "INHUMAN CRIMINAL".
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YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD YET
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS 1ST DETACHMENT IS WHAT PEOPLE CALL
THE YOUKAI CRIME UNIT.

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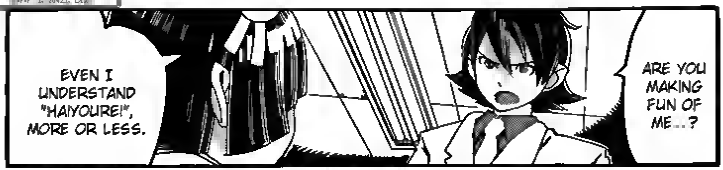
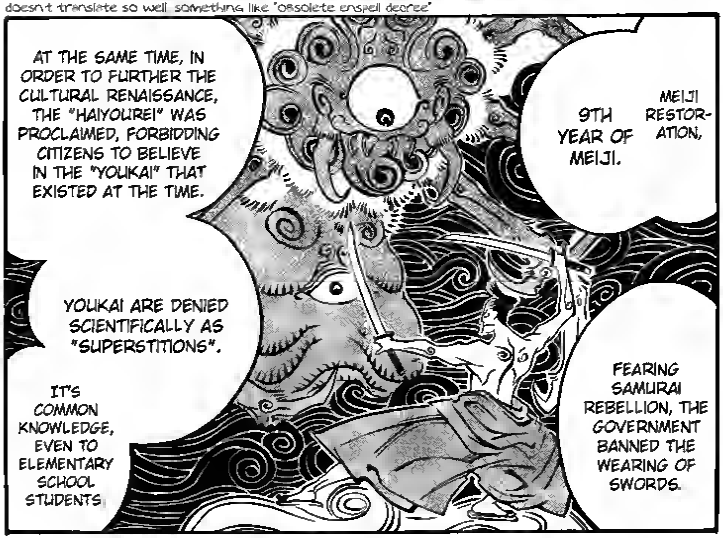


TLN: haiyourei seems to be an artificial compound word that doesn't translate so well, something like "obsolete anspell decree"


MEIJI RESTORATION, 9TH YEAR OF MEIJI.
FEARING SAMURAI REBELLION, THE GOVERNMENT BANNED THE WEARING OF SWORDS.
AT THE SAME TIME, IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE CULTURAL RENAISSANCE, THE "HAIYOUREI" WAS PROCLAIMED, FORBIDDING CITIZENS TO BELIEVE IN THE "YOUKAI" THAT EXISTED AT THE TIME.
YOUKAI ARE DENIED SCIENTIFICALLY AS "SUPERSTITIONS".
IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE, EVEN TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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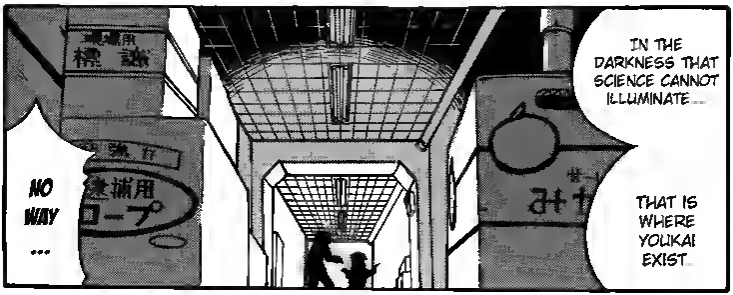
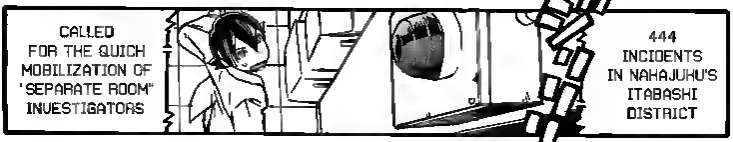
HAVEN'T YOU SEEN THEM IN THE PRESS?
HEAVY RAIN AND MUDSLIDES FOR NO APPARENT REASON
IT'S NOT JUST DISASTERS, BUT UNSOLVED CRIMES.
MYSTERIOUS MURDERS, 2 BILLION YEN JUST DISAPPEARING...





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KER-POP-POP-POP
OH YEAH! THE AIR OUTSIDE IS WONDER-FUL!♡
YAAAA HOOO!
警視庁
IF NERO-SAN IS A "CRIMINAL YOUKAI", THEN WHY AM I HER PARTNER?
...ASSUMING FOR A MOMENT THAT YOUKAI CRIME DOES EXIST...

USE THE POWER OF A "MONSTER" TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE RIGHT?
UTILIZING HUMANS ALONE YOUKAI CAN'T BE ARRESTED
THEN THERE ARE CRIMINAL YOUKAI LIKE NERO WHO MADE PLEA DEALS TO BECOME PARTNERS
THERE ARE GUYS LIKE THIS KID WHO WORK WITH HUMANS OF THEIR OWN CHOICE
HER CRIME WAS...
HER...
UHM ...
NERO-SAN?

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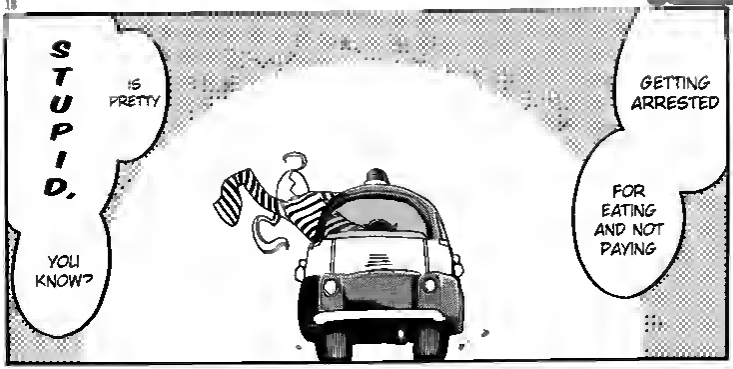

I MEANT TO SMOOTH THINGS OUT WITH HER, THEN I WENT AND SAID THAT!
OH HELL!!
HEY!
IDIOT, YOU WANNA DIE?
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I DEMAND FROM A PARTNER.
"STAY OUT OF MY WAY". WHEN I WANT YOU, I'LL TELL YOU. ARE WE CLEAR, HUMAN?
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HURRY UP AND ANSWER ME! YOU'RE GONNA DIE!
MMM MMMPH (I CAN'T DO)
MGAGAGA (WHAT YOU SAID!!)
!
WAA!!
WAAA!! WAAA!!
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I-I'LL CALL AN AMBU-LANCE.
I-I'M... A POLICE OFFICER...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GUH-

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LOOK AROUND!!
YOU WANNA DIE?!

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UH... THAT'S A YOUKAI...
HAHA.. MORE PLAIN THAN I THOUGHT
FEAR NOT, HUMAN !!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?
R-RIGHT .. I'M A POLICE DETECTIVE...
IT'S FINE.
THEN HURRY UP AND REMOVE THIS...
IF YOU CANNOT...

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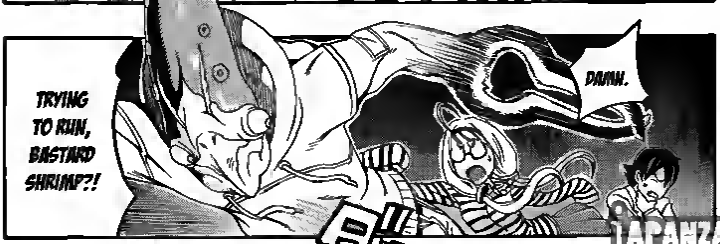

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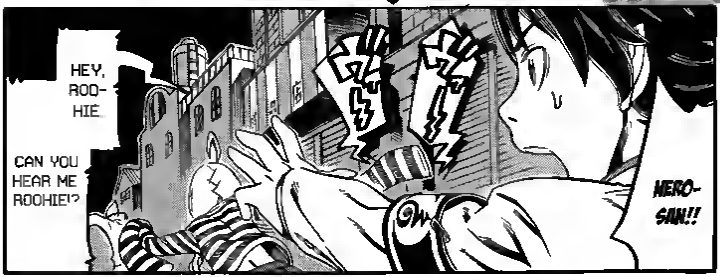

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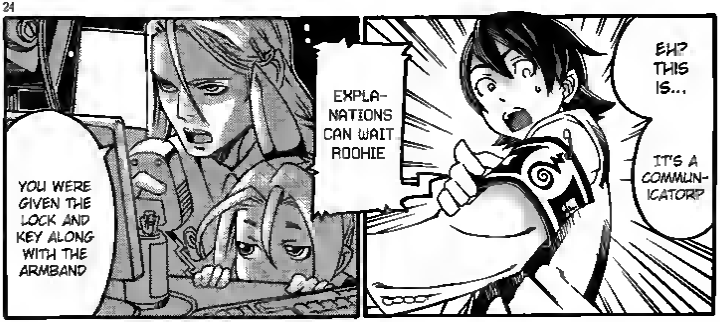

IT'S CALLED A "YOUHAI LOCK"
IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY, YOU'LL SEE ONE ON NERO-KUN
ON HER HAIR!
COR-RECT
THEY KEEP A YOUHAI'S POWER FROM COMING OUT
USE IT WHEN DEALING WITH A SUSPECT'S ATTACKS
AH! SHIT!!
NERO-SAMAN!!
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HA HAAA !!
YOU'RE NOTHING! THIS'LL BE A WALK IN THE PARK!!
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DIE.
I HAVE THE LOCK NOW, AND ...
OKAY! GO FOR IT, NERO-SAN!
... EH?

WHA... WHAT?!
A HA HA HA HA !!
YOU LOOK LIKE A CRAWFISH ON THE HOOK, DON'CHA?
UTTERLY PATHETIC.
I SWEAR... YOUR DEATH WILL BE TOO EASY.
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YOU CAN'T ...
WE'RE THE POLICE!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY.

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I'M PUNI-SHING THESE GUYS.
STAY OUT OF YOUKAI AFFAIRS,
MR. HUMAN.
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KU-KU-KU-E...
HEY, ROOKIE
BEHIND YOU!!
EH?!
UWA AH!!

SHIT.
NERO-SAN!!
GYAH!
EVEN THOUGH I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU A NICE, COMFORTABLE DEATH...
KEH!
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NERO'S DOING WELL, BUT TWO ON ONE IS JUST...
ROOKIE, CAN YOU SLAP THE CUFFS ON THE SECOND ONE?
THE AMAGIRI LEADER IS HERE!!

THAT DEVICE IS THE BEST THING A PERSON CAN USE, AND IT WILL CAPTURE EVEN THE STRONGEST OF YOUKAI.
WHEN YOU CAPTURE A TARGET, THE LIGHT PREVENTS MATERIALI-ZATION
IT'S BEEN RESET.
THESE?!

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DON'T GET COCKY!
YOU FUCKING BRAT!

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LEAVE THAT ONE TO ME!!
HERO-SAN!!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!!
OBSTRUCTING OFFICERS, INFLICTING BODILY INJURY...
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IDIOT.

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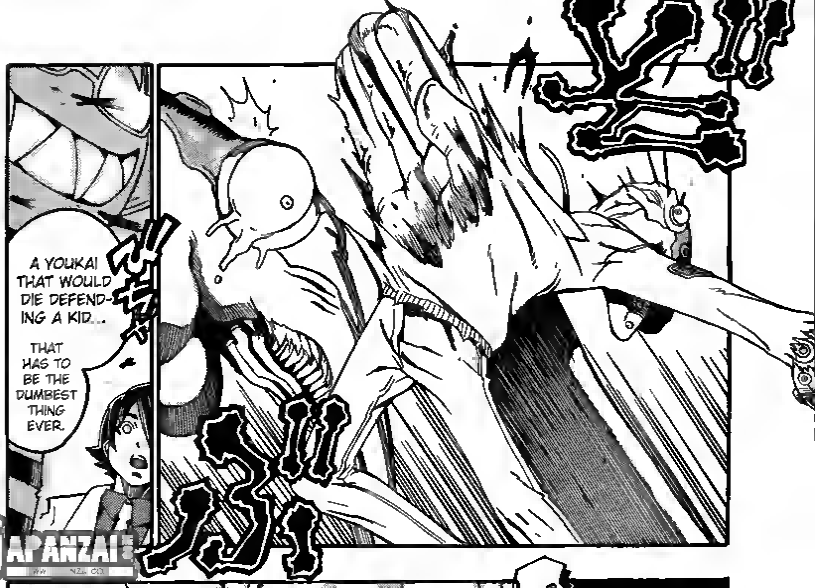
A YOUKAI THAT WOULD DIE DEFENDING A KID...
THAT HAS TO BE THE DUMBEST THING EVER.
KID...?! YOU MEAN THAT BIG ONE?
Kupi
I'LL BE BLUNT...
Kupi

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I'M SAYING THERE'S NO PLACE FOR YOU
IN THIS WORLD.

I'M GOING TO EAT EVERY LAST PIECE OF YOU.
AND THAT'S WHY
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NERO
THE TWO-MOUTHED GIRL
TLN: Nero and two-mouthed are both ニロ
WELL IN THAT CASE THEN...
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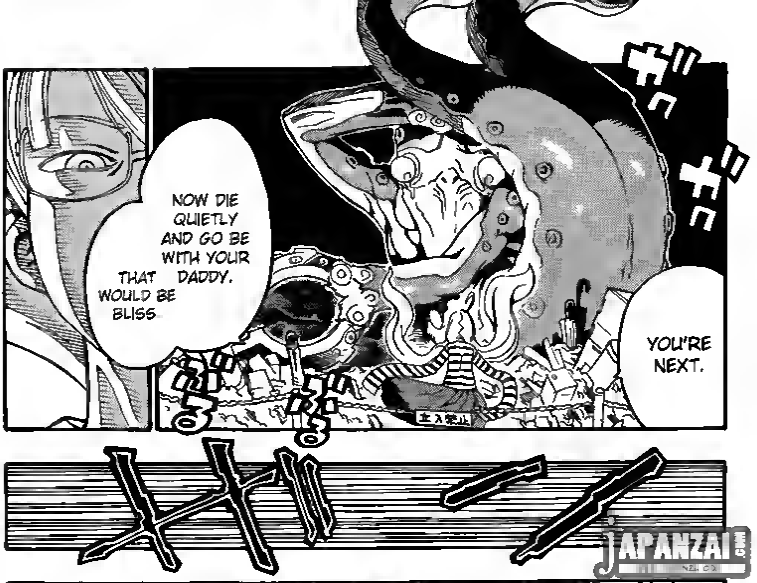
NOW DIE QUIETLY AND GO BE WITH YOUR DADDY.
THAT WOULD BE BLISS
YOU'RE NEXT.
KILLED A PARENT DEFENDING HIS CHILD, YOU KNOW?
YOU JUST
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO...?

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YOUR ACTIONS ARE CONTRARY TO MY MOTTO "DON'T FORGIVE THE BAD GUYS"!!
WE AREN'T THE ONES TO PUNISH THEM
WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S A CRIMINAL, KILLING HIM IS "EVIL".

I'LL ARREST YOU!
IF YOU STAIN YOUR HANDS WORSE THAN THIS,
I CAN'T ALLOW IT.

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Y... YOU ASSHOLE...
Ku-ri-ru-ru
IDIOT!!

GRRR!
DAMN.
LIKE I'D LET YOU ESCAPE!
gasp
gasp
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pant pant
I JUST
DON'T.. UNDERSTAND YOU.
DAMN
IDIOT.. WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING OFF TO?
I'LL GO TO WHEREVER YOU'RE HIDING.
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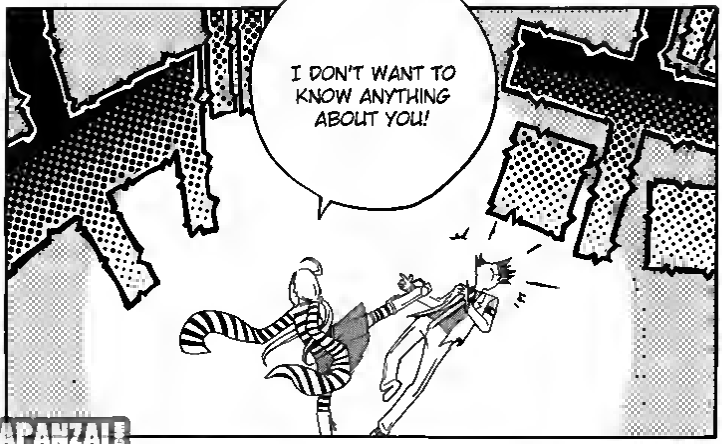
NERO... SAN?


I DON'T WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU!

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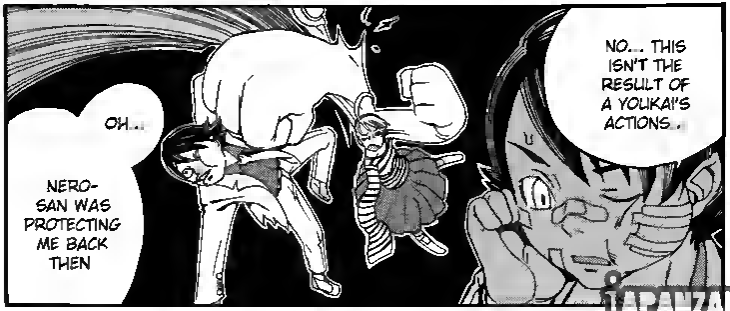
IN THE YOUKAI DIVISION, KILLING A SUSPECT LEADS TO CONSEQUENT PUNISHMENT.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT...? NERO KILLED A SUSPECT.
EH?!
HER CUMU-LATIVE SENTENCE AMOUNTS TO 400 YEARS.
400 YEARS ?!



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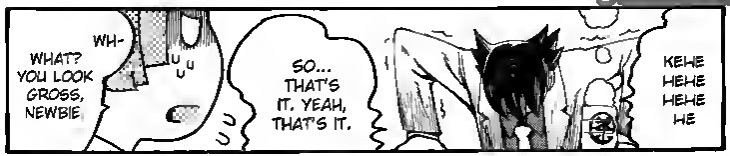

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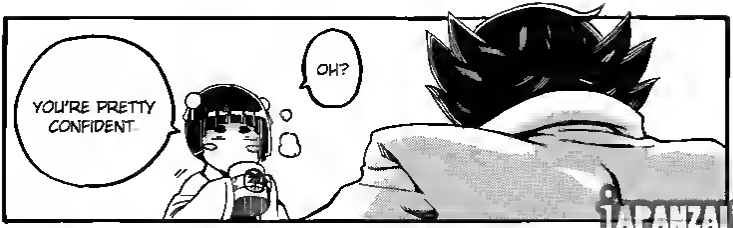

THAT BEING THE CASE, WELCOME TO THE (YOUKAI) POLICE FORCE.